Computer Communication programme

2823. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under consideration of Government to evolve a communications programme to transmit "data packets" through highspeed data circuits to foreign countries;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of this scheme; and

(c) by when this system will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is proposed to set up a national packet switched data network system, capable of transferring data at various user speeds and of catering to asynchronous and synchronous terminals. This is proposed to be connected to an International Gateway Exchange to be installed by Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited for transfer of data abroad.

(c) The facilities are planned to be made available during the 7th Plan period.

Polytechnic College for minorities in Chittoor District

2824. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any representation from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for setting up of a special Polytechnic College for minorities in the Chittoor District; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Payment of bills relating to M|s. Rajnagar Marble and Minerals Industries Private Ltd.

2825. SHRI NATHA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that principal contractor, M|s. Rajnagar Marble and Minerals Industries Private Limited, Jaipur engaged by Hotel Corporation of India for supply of Marble and for stone grinding work of Centaur Lake View Hotel, Srinagar has since been paid the bills for the works done by them;

(b) if so, whether M|s. Rajnagar Marble and Mineral Industries Private Limited, Jaipur had not paid the bills of sub-Contractors who actually executed the grinding work and is exploiting the sub-contractors;

(c) whether Government propose to initiate any enquiry into the affairs and black list such contractors;

(d) whether the main contractors were allowed to engage the sub-contractors as per terms and conditions; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons that they engaged the sub-Contractors and did not pay their long outstanding bills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) M|s. Rajnagar Marble and Mineral Industries Private Limited, Jaipur, was awarded contract for the supply of marble and the grinding work by Centaur Lakeview Hotel, Srinagar. The firm has been paid for the work done; however, the final bill has not been paid to the contractor, as he has not completed the work as per the contract. The Hotel Corporation of India had entered into a